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31 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the IC
SUBJECT : National/Tactical Interface Program

1. Attached is a package of background papers for your use in discussions with General Elder, J-5/JCS. The original proposal was that you discuss this matter with Rear Admiral Hilton, but I agree with the recommendation from [redacted] that it would be preferable if you spoke with General Elder instead. The attached materials include:

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Tab A: A memorandum and set of talking papers prepared by [redacted].

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Tab B: A statement from [redacted] on the current status of the pilot study on the national/tactical interface.

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Tab C: An extract "National Intelligence Support to Military Field Commanders" from the report on planning actions which [redacted] prepared for you and the DCI prior to his departure. [redacted]

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Tab D: [redacted] report of February 1975 to the DCI describing the background and status of the pilot study on national intelligence support to field commanders. [redacted]

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2. In my view, the most important development which could come from any discussion you have with General Elder would be agreement as to a definition of responsibilities between the DCI and the Secretary of Defense as to the DCI role in the field of tactical intelligence. To carry weight, this agreement should be approved by the President.

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3. A second important development from a conference with General Elder could be agreement as to the next steps to be taken following completion of the present pilot study now expected in August.

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Major General, USAF (Ret.)
Chief, Coordination Staff, ICS

Attachments:
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